

CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 329)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 60 (e), 151, 153, 159 (c), 159 (d), 159 (e), 159 (f), 159 (h) (1), 168, and 175 (a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1959 1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-titles "Procedure for Issue of Licenses", "Boards of License Commissioners", "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries", and "Appeals"; to repeal Sections 63 (g), 155 (g), and 157 of said Article and sub-titles; and to add a new Section 164 (a-1/2) to said Article, sub-title "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries", to follow immediately after Section 164 (a) thereof, creating a Liquor Control Board for Caroline County, specifying generally its composition, powers, and duties, and relating generally to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within Caroline County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 60 (e), 151, 153, 159 (c), 159 (d), 159 (e), 159 (f), 159 (h) (1), 168, and 175 (a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-titles "Procedure for Issue of Licenses", "Boards of License Commissioners", "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries", and "Appeals", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that Sections 63 (g), 155 (g), and 157 of said Article and sub-titles be and they are hereby repealed; that a new Section 164 (a-1/2) be and it is hereby added to said Article, sub-title "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries", to follow immediately after Section 164 (a) thereof, and all to read as follows:

60.

(e) In Caroline County, before the license is issued, [the County Commissioners of Caroline County, acting as] the [said] board of license commissioners [.] shall satisfy themselves of the moral character and financial responsibility of the applicant, the appropriateness of the location where such licensed business is to be conducted, taking into consideration the number of licenses already issued, and generally as to the applicant's fitness for the trust to be reposed.

63.

[(g) In Caroline County the expenses incident to the work of issuing alcoholic beverages licenses shall be paid by the County Commissioners from the funds arising from license fees.]

151.

The respective boards of county commissioners shall ex officio constitute the boards of license commissioners in [Caroline,] Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, Kent and Worcester counties.

153.

In Harford County and in Caroline County, the liquor control board is hereby declared to be a State agency to administer the